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Claims 1-31, 44, and 47-50 are pending in the application. No new material is added by the amendments herein.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of informalities. Applicants herein amend the specification to overcome these objections. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-31, 44, and 47-50 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 14-18 and 25-28 of United States (US) Patent number 7,008,421. Applicants submit herewith a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer To Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over A "Prior" Patent ("terminal disclaimer") in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Applicants submit that this terminal disclaimer overcomes the rejection and therefore request withdrawal of the rejection. Applicants maintain however that the claims of the present application included herein and the claims of US Patent number 7,008,421 are not identical and are patentably distinct from each other because they include non-obvious differences.

Claims 1-31, 44, and 47-50 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 36-59 of copending Application number 11/335,295, filed January 18, 2006. Applicants submit herewith a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer To Obviate a Provisional Double Patenting Rejection Over A Pending "Reference" Application ("terminal disclaimer") in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Applicants submit that this terminal disclaimer overcomes the provisional rejection and therefore request withdrawal of the provisional rejection. Applicants maintain however that the claims of the present application included herein and the claims of copending Application number 11/335,295 are not identical and are patentably distinct from each other because they include non-obvious differences.

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Claims 1-31, 44, and 47-50 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-32 of copending Application number 11/256,500, filed October 20, 2005. Applicants submit herewith a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer To Obviate a Provisional Double Patenting Rejection Over A Pending "Reference" Application ("terminal disclaimer") in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Applicants submit that this terminal disclaimer overcomes the provisional rejection and therefore request withdrawal of the provisional rejection. Applicants maintain however that the claims of the present application included herein and the claims of copending Application number 11/256,500 are not identical and are patentably distinct from each other because they include non-obvious differences.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks and the three (3) terminal disclaimers submitted herewith, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-31, 44, and 47-50 as presented herein are in condition for allowance. Thus, allowance of the claims is requested. If in the opinion of Examiner Peffley a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, or if there are any issues that remain to be resolved prior to allowance of the claims, Examiner Peffley is encouraged to call Rick Gregory at (408) 342-1900.

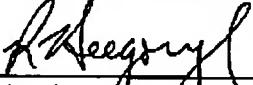
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